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A message from Supervisor Smyth ...

Memorial Day has passed, and the end of school is in sight. It's time to start thinking about summer activities. In Providence, we can look forward to some of our favorites: the Farmers' Market in Nottoway Park is in full swing every Wednesday morning and our free concert series, Nottoway Nights, will run every Thursday evening from the beginning of June to the end of August. Our newsletter also has a variety of information on summer happenings ranging from volunteer projects to Tysons updates.

If more educational pursuits are part of your summer plans, you may want to check out the latest library selection in the "All Fairfax Reads" program. Fairfax's "Cool Counties" initiative in response to global warming concerns can also provide you with food for thought during the hot days to come.

Whatever your plans, we hope that you have a safe and happy summer break. And when September rolls around, we can all gather to open our first library in Providence. ▪

~ Linda Smyth ~

Farmer's Market at Nottoway Park on Wednesday Mornings!

Every Wednesday morning, spring through fall, Nottoway Park bustles with farmers, residents and visitors of our communities. The parking area springs alive with the abundant sights, sounds, smells and colors of an open air produce market. The Farmer's Market opened in early May and will stay open until late November.

More information on seasonal produce, fresh baked goods, exotic plants and much more are posted on the Farmer's Market Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm and is also available by calling the Park Authority at 703-324-8702, TTY 711. ▪

Cool Counties Initiative

Kambiz Agazi

Environmental Coordinator, Fairfax County

Global Climate Change is one of the most pressing issues facing our society. We must all play our role to address this problem. While acting individually to address climate change is helpful, we must also have a thorough, coordinated, and sustained effort if we are to address this issue adequately.

This is why the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is taking the lead by directing the county to partner with the Sierra Club and other local governments across the United States to develop a "Cool Counties" initiative. This effort is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by marshalling all 3,066 counties across the country to the cause. Cool Counties will also provide guidance and incentives to include county residents and businesses. **After all, it takes an entire county to be cool!**

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Supervisor Smyth, Chairman Connolly and Carol Robinson, Principal of the Luther Jackson Middle School plant a native White Oak in front of the Luther Jackson Middle School during the Eighth Annual Providence District Environmental Workshop. Todd Nelson, county's Urban Forester [right] and students make sure the tree was planted properly.

Sometimes a Great Notion – A New Way of Working with the County: A Tale of Two Neighborhoods and Storm Water Management

Poplar Heights and Falls Hill are adjacent Fairfax County neighborhoods constructed in the 1950s. Located against the western edge of the City of Falls Church, the two communities are linked by Tripps Run - a small, spring-fed stream. In August 2001, one of the Washington area's infamous summer thunderstorms deluged us with what meteorologists call "a 300-year storm event." Tripps Run turned into a 6-foot deep torrent - eroding banks and overflowing roads. Overtaxed storm sewers blew off manhole covers, backed up onto streets, and flooded cars. Basements were flooded; some reported upwards of six feet of water. Like many older neighborhoods, we are served by an "underpowered" storm water sewer system. Over the last 50 years, nearby construction has also added to our cumulative water woes. Drainage from I-66, new subdivisions, and acres of paved parking lots have all increased run-off water into an overtaxed system that ends up in our neighborhood and in Tripps Run. Something had to be done.

The two neighborhoods turned to Fairfax County. After an initially unsuccessful County response, an innovative alternative was proffered by our then-new Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth. Rather than the rejected typical big-government, big-design solution, Supervisor Smyth proposed turning the process on its ear. Why not ask the affected neighborhoods to design the solutions themselves in collaboration with County experts, stakeholders, and facilitators? We responded, yes. A team of more than 15 set out to educate ourselves on storm water analysis techniques, mitigation design options, and cost benefit analyses. Of particular interest to all (particularly Supervisor Smyth herself) was exploring environmentally-friendly design solutions wherever possible.

Nearly two years have passed. Hundreds of hours have been invested in task force meetings, education sessions, analyses of complex data, neighborhood walk throughs, public meetings, and conference calls. And a solution acceptable to all interests has emerged – one comprised of many smaller, interrelated projects some of which are, we are happy to report, environmentally friendly. Will our proposal solve all our storm water problems? All indications are, yes, to a greater degree. Will Fairfax County approve and build the projects? It remains to be seen; budgets are increasingly tight. However, one positive outcome is already evident. A preferable and more positive collaborative way of working with Fairfax County emerged through our urgent need to manage our storm water problems and Supervisor Smyth's willingness to try new ways of doing business. Make no mistake about it, a true collaboration is time consuming, oftentimes exhausting, slow, and, yes, at times, testy for all parties. But in this instance, we believe it has worked to our neighborhoods' advantage. Try it; we recommend it. ▪

de Teel Patterson (Pat) Tiller
Poplar Heights Civic Association

Victor Klingelhofer
Falls Hill Civic Association



Supervisor Smyth kicks off the 2007 Providence District Seminar Series with the "Future of Merrifield" at Luther Jackson Middle School that was attended by over 200 Merrifield residents (left); Merrifield Civic Association President, Ekrem Sarper addressed the audience and reminded residents to stay engaged (seen seated in the center picture); and Bob Mortensen, who chaired the 28-member Merrifield Task Force, talked about how the community has changed from a place to where residents could watch a movie and rent a bulldozer to what will now become a town center with amenities such as restaurants and a variety of stores. More information about the 2007 Providence District Seminar Series is available on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm. ▪

Rail to Dulles

Public Private Transportation Act

The Tysons Corner section of the Rail to Dulles project is one of the most contentious issues facing us today. Supervisor Smyth has strongly advocated that Fairfax County taxpayers deserve a transparently bid project that encourages consideration of the tunnel option for Tysons Corner.

Furthermore, Supervisor Smyth has been a staunch supporter of the tunnel option. Considering the lack of transparency with which the agreement between the Commonwealth and Dulles Transit Partners has been conducted, it is vitally important for the lifeblood of our community to ensure that the project is open, accountable, and cost-effective. Supervisor Smyth believes that the Public Private Transportation Act that initially allowed this project to advance as a sole-source contract has failed us here in Fairfax County. Moreover, it is outrageous that Fairfax County is expected to pay 16 percent of the project without having a seat at the negotiating table.

The Board of Supervisors has sent three clear messages to our governor about the importance of this issue to us, emphasizing the importance of considering the tunnel option. In the latest of these messages to Richmond on March 12, 2007, Supervisor Smyth made a motion before the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to Governor Kaine in support of the tunnel option and a process transparent to local governments and the citizenry. Supervisor Smyth was joined in this matter by Chairman Connolly, Supervisor Kauffman, and Supervisor DuBois. The motion carried with the support of nine of the nine supervisors present. The text of the motion and discussion can be found on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/summary/2007/07-03-12.pdf on page 29.

Supervisor Smyth will continue to strive toward the effective and efficient stewardship of your tax dollars. ■

Board Matter

Board Matters are often written by Supervisor Smyth to address an issue relevant to Providence District or the County as a whole. Supervisor Smyth's Board Matters are available on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Board_updates.htm. ■

Tysons Task Force Public Meetings

Wednesday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Marshall High School - Cafeteria
7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church

The Tysons Task Force plans to hold public meetings this summer to continue its work in updating the Tysons Corner Comprehensive Plan. These meetings will provide residents with an overview of the analyses of the alternative land use scenarios that were first introduced during the March public outreach workshops. The analyses are being performed by a team of professional planning consultants and are exploring impacts on traffic, public facilities, and other key indicators that will affect the quality of living and working in Tysons.

The July outreach meeting in Providence District will be hosted by Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth. Residents will have an opportunity to provide input as to what issues are most important to consider as the Tysons Task Force evaluates the alternatives and creates a preferred alternative. More information about the Task Force and the planning process is available on the following task force Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/ and on the event Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■

Cool Counties Initiatives

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The proposed Cool Counties framework consists of three general parts – Pledge, Plan and Prove. Voluntary compliance of the three part process will certify a county as a "Cool County." The Pledge will represent an aspirational goal that counties will strive for in their certification process to becoming a Cool County Champion. While the pledge is non-binding, it represents the ultimate achievement and is based on a measurable long-term greenhouse gas emission reduction stabilization target. While each jurisdiction's Cool Counties Plan is unique, at a minimum, the Plan (either a separate plan or a plan that is interwoven and made part of a larger overall environmental or land use plan) should specify how the jurisdiction is addressing global climate change. Once a county is ready, they enter the Prove phase and thereafter are eligible to be certified as a Cool County.

More information about the Cool Counties Initiatives is available on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2007/067.htm or by calling Kambiz Agazi at 703-324-1788, TTY 711. ■

Summer Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteer Fairfax is a nonprofit organization established in 1975 to mobilize people and resources to meet regional community needs. Each year, Volunteer Fairfax helps thousands of individuals find community service opportunities.

Finding a volunteer opportunity can be the biggest obstacle to getting started. Volunteer Fairfax offers several ways to find volunteer opportunities.

► Finding Volunteer Opportunities:

For more information about volunteering and to find a great volunteer opportunity this year, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org and click on "Volunteer Now" located in the dark blue bar on the left side of the web page. Call Volunteer Fairfax's Information and Referral Specialist, Doris Crawford, at 703-246-3460, for a more personalized approach to finding just the right volunteer opportunity.

► For Youth

Browse through a directory of nearly 100 volunteer opportunities for those aged 5 to 18. Volunteer opportunities range from working as a camp counselor for students with sight impairments and visiting with seniors, to assisting with animal adoptions and clearing nature trails. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org and click on "Individuals" located in the dark blue bar on the top of the page, then click on "Just for Youth."

► For Working Adults

Volunteers for Change is a unique volunteer program featuring a calendar of fun projects held on weekends and weekday evenings. After a free one-time orientation, volunteers can choose from any of the more than 45 monthly community service projects throughout Northern Virginia and the metro area. For more information, contact Annie Duffield at 703-246-3460 ext 2, 2.

► Special Events

Looking for something special? Think about participating in VolunteerFest® on October 27, county-wide day of service, held in conjunction with national "Make a Difference Day," or "A Celebration of Giving and Sharing," held in November and December when volunteers pack and distribute backpacks full of toys and books for deserving students in Fairfax County Public Schools. For more information, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org. ▪

Spring and Summer Fun for Everyone!

Did you know that the Fairfax County Park Authority offers a wide range of classes and camps for Providence residents to enjoy? Whether you are interested in exploring your interest in nature, physical fitness, or fine arts, the Park Authority has a class for you. Younger residents can also take advantage of different camps, including various sports, ballet, outdoor activities, and other activities.

Participants can find camp listings and other outdoor activities on the following park Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.htm or by calling 703-449-8639, TTY 711. ▪



Save the Date! Merrifield Festival

**Saturday, October 20, 2007
Luther Jackson Middle School
2030 Gallows Road, Falls Church**

The fun filled family and community Merrifield Festival will kick off the 2007 Providence District VolunteerFest® in conjunction with the National Make a Difference Day. More information is available on the festival's Web site at www.greatermerrifield.org/Festival/. ▪

2007 Providence District VolunteerFest® Saturday, October 27

Supervisor Smyth is pleased to host the 2007 Providence District VolunteerFest® and the National Make a Difference Day which celebrates extraordinary deeds performed by ordinary people on America's largest day of doing good on Saturday, October 27. The day's event will showcase the spirit of volunteerism throughout Providence District.

If you would like to be on the planning committee for the Providence District VolunteerFest®, please contact Supervisor Smyth's office. More information is available on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ▪

Anti-Gang Initiatives

Robert Bermingham

Gang Prevention Coordinator, Fairfax County

Fairfax County's commitment to preventing gangs and their activities within our community can be tracked back to 1994 when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors established the Police Gang Investigative Unit in addition to supporting numerous recreation and education programs for youth. Recognizing the importance of creating a communitywide response, the Fairfax County Coordinating Council on Gang Prevention sponsored the Fairfax County Gang Prevention Summit in February 2005.

Representatives from county agencies, members of the public, community and faith-based organizations, public schools and regional partners met to generate ideas to combat gang violence in the county. As a result, a comprehensive and coordinated gang prevention effort is in place and is reducing the impact gangs have on our communities.

This collaboration includes expanding youth-specific programs such as the after-school programs in all public middle schools; the Healthy Choices school curriculum; the Alternative House street outreach service; and the Safe Kids/Good Choices community initiative. Organizations such as Cox Communication and the Boys and Girls Club continue to educate youth about the dangers of gang involvement and provide them with alternatives to joining gangs.

Fairfax County has long been one of the safest jurisdictions in the country. This remains true today as we continue to experience an overall drop in crime and more specifically a drop in gang-related crime. While some challenges still exist in eliminating gangs and gang activity within Fairfax County, the county and its partners have established a solid foundation.

By working together we can make sure that Fairfax County remains at the forefront of preventing gang crime and the influence of gangs on our children. Parents, family members and entire communities are the number one defense against a child becoming a part of a gang or choosing to participate in gang-like activities.

More information about the Fairfax County Coordinating Council on Gang Prevention and information about gang prevention efforts are available on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gangprevention. ■

International Children's Festival

September 18 – 23, 2007

The International Children's Festival is the Washington metropolitan area's only youth-oriented festival dedicated to performing, visual, and technical arts. The Festival is produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County in cooperation with the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and the National Park Service.

More information is available on the following International Children's Festival Web site at www.artsfairfax.org/festival.html or by calling the Arts Council of Fairfax County at 703-642-0862, TTY 711. ■



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Connecting cultures through the arts



Supervisor Smyth joins Sally Ormsby [left], Director, Soil and Water Conservation District, Joyce Seo, Rebecca and Elizabeth Wassel at the annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup in April. More information about the Trash Free Potomac Watershed is available on the Alice Ferguson Foundation Web site at www.hardbargainfarm.org/trash_initiative/trash_index.html. ■

Frequently asked Questions about Neighborhood Concerns

There are a number of issues that all neighborhoods encounter. In most instances, regulations are in place to promote public health, safety and general welfare within the county. There has been a recent restructuring of responsibilities and the agencies to report certain concerns to; the following list may be of assistance to you and your community. Additionally, Supervisor Smyth's office has published the 2007 Providence District Resource Directory which is available on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/PDFFiles/Directory2007.pdf. If you are unable to locate the contact information that corresponds to your concerns, please contact Supervisor Smyth's office for more information at 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ■

Construction

Type of Problem	Agency	Phone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction without required permitsIllegal removal of trees and clearing of land	Code Enforcement Division www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/construction/code_enforce.htm	703-324-1937 TTY 711

Home Businesses

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complaints about potential illegal home businesses (some home businesses are allowed with a Home Occupation Permit)	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Application for and/or current status of Home Occupation Permit and/or Non-Residential Use Permits (NON-RUP)	Zoning Permit Review Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-222-1082 TTY 711

Housing

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apartments in a single family home and/or too many unrelated people residing in a home	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-324-1300 TTY 711
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Illegal Signs

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signs in the public right-of-way	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) www.virginia.gov/	703-383-8368 TTY 1-800-432-1843
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signs on private property	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-324-1300 TTY 711

Noise/Glare

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Noise complaints – construction activity and equipment	Zoning Enforcement Branch http://66.179.23.21/DP1/Metroplex/FairfaxCounty/customerservice/selectbyservno.asp	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Glare complaints	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none">General noise complaints and barking dogs	Police Department_Non-Emergency	703-691-2131 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trash truck noise	Solid Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery Division www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/navbar/faqs/trash.htm#times	703-324-5230 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Noise complaints (online)	http://66.179.23.21/DP1/Metroplex/FairfaxCounty/customerservice/selectbyservno.asp	703-324-1300 TTY 711

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Property Maintenance

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abandoned/blighted properties 	Blight Abatement Program www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/blight.htm	703-246-5179 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building code violations 	Code Enforcement Division www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/construction/code_enforce.htm	703-324-1937 TTY 703-385-3578
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures unsafe, dilapidated or in disrepair Unsanitary living conditions Overcrowding No running water or heat Electrical system hazard Inadequate light or ventilation Plumbing problems Unsafe basement bedrooms Rodent or insect infestations damaging structure House flooding Sewage backup Vacant dwellings unsecured/open to entry 	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoarding Task Force Rats Infestations and mosquitoes Overflowing garbage and trash and discarded tires Hazards such as open pits and excavations Discarded refrigerators/freezers with doors 	Health Department www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/	703-246-2300 TTY 703-591-6435
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grass in excess of 12 inches on residential lots of less than ½ acre (Complaint Form) 	Code Enforcement Division www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/grass_height.htm	703-324-1931 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junk and debris in yards 	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snow removal on public streets 	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/utilities/snow_removal.htm	703-383-8368 TTY 1-800-432-1843

Stormwater

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage/Flooding 	Maintenance and Stormwater Management www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwater/	703-934-2800 TTY 711
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Vehicles

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on street or five or less 	Police Department www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/	703-691-2131 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on private property 	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inoperative vehicles on residential property – five vehicles or less 	Police Department www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/	703-280-0716 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inoperative vehicles on private property – five vehicles or more 	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles parked on lawn for more than 48 hours 	Zoning Enforcement Branch www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/	703-324-1300 TTY 711



School News

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Our Response to Tragedy

Our community experienced the terrible and unimaginable event that struck Virginia Tech. Many Fairfax County Public Schools graduates attend Virginia Tech and many more are alumni. We lost five of our own. Our community came together in the outpouring of care and in joining together as part of the "Hokie Nation" in a mass refusal to cower in terror. Our staff members wrapped their arms around our students and alumni to offer comfort and security.

21st Century Competitive Advantage: Fairfax Diversity

By 2010 45% of Fairfax County may be racial and ethnic minorities and nearly 40% may speak a language other than English at home. Only New York City, among major immigrant gateways, has a foreign-born population as diverse as Northern Virginia.

We probably now are a majority minority school system. Our children speak 125 languages at home and we serve 22,000 English language learners. Our goal is to get them to complete proficiency as quickly as possible. There was a time when parents feared our evolving diversity. Many sought to pupil-place their children in less diverse schools; some moved homes, fearing their children would receive a lesser quality education or be at greater risk to their safety.

The irony is three-fold: First, schools with higher numbers of English learners and higher numbers of students in poverty receive more staffing. This means smaller class sizes and more individual attention for each student. Second, our record for protecting students matches the community's record of being one of the safest in the nation. Finally, the children attending the more diverse schools will have a competitive advantage in the 21st Century. The "global economy" knows no boundaries. The next generation of children needs to be world-savvy. Being able to see beyond differences in race, language, and culture, being conversant in more than English will be assets. Our graduates will be able to work and communicate in a world where differences are trumped by the ability to collaborate.

VA Distinguished Schools

Mosby Woods and Pine Springs Elementary Schools are two of four FCPS schools that received the Virginia Distinguished School Award. Congratulations to Principals Mahri Asti and Nancy Bradley and their staffs for their outstanding efforts.

Academies: Jewels Embedded in Our High Schools

Falls Church High School Academy offers programming in Business and Information Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health and Medical Sciences, Marketing, Technology Education, and Trade and Industrial Education, as well as Criminal Justice, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Medical Health Technologies, and Practical Nursing. These programs help graduates immediately upon graduation and provide a "discriminator" in the job market once they finished college.

Bond Referendum

At its meeting of April 26, 2007, the School Board approved its proposed November 2007 School Bond Referendum whereby we seek community approval to borrow \$365,200,000 for the purpose of providing funds for school improvements. A number of Providence District schools will benefit through the renovation of their 40-50 year old buildings. Details on the Bond Referendum will be forthcoming.

In closing, I want to thank Supervisor Smyth for sharing this newsletter space with me and for partnering with me to serve the children of Providence District and Fairfax County.

Synthetic Turf Fields Agreement

Between Board of Supervisors and School Board

On May 7, 2007, Supervisor Smyth made a unanimously approved motion to accept a memorandum of understanding between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the School Board for the installation of synthetic turf fields. What does this mean? Lots of safe fun for kids and guaranteed field time for community user groups.

The work to install a synthetic turf field at Madison High School was made possible by a \$750,000 proffer commitment for improvements in the community from Pulte that Supervisor Smyth negotiated during the MetroWest rezoning application. The \$750,000 in funding for this field turfing project presented Supervisor Smyth with an opportunity to significantly offset the impact of development and provide more playing time for Providence District's students and community groups.

Synthetic turf offers significant benefits. First, water drains off quickly, providing virtually unlimited use. Second, traction is good in wet or dry conditions with all types of athletic footwear. Third, according to one estimate, without the need for mowing or seeding, etc., maintenance costs are 75 percent lower than that of grass turf fields. What this amounts to at Madison H.S. is a long lasting, multipurpose rectangular field available year-round, day or night with lights, for the enjoyment of the entire community. With a reported increase in field use with synthetic turf of about 67 percent over grass turf, it all adds up to fun for everyone.

Currently, the Madison H.S. students head to Colvin Run, Thoreau, Kilmer, Louise Archer, and Flint Hill Elementary Schools for practice. With the completion of the field, instead of students boarding buses daily to those five elementary schools for practice, they will safely remain at Madison H.S. and avoid adding congestion to our roads. The agreement also ensures that community user groups will have access to these vacated fields as well as the synthetic turf field at Madison H.S.

This project was accomplished by the hard work of the Athletic Fields Task Force, a citizen group, and collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. The agreement will be a template for future synthetic turf installation and community involvement.

What to do with my old computer or TV?

Most of us have not only bought our first computer but have already found it necessary to replace them due to changing technology. So, what do you do with the old computer? Fortunately, many major manufacturers participate in electronics recycling programs. Some will even come to your home and pick up your old computer and printer for free when you purchase a new one from them. Each manufacturer is different so contact your manufacturer for details on their programs.

With the new wave of digital televisions, there will be a surplus of analog sets. The county Web site provides a list of organizations that accept used electronics, including televisions, for reuse and recycling. You will need to read the descriptions of each carefully as the types of equipment accepted vary substantially among locations and remember to inquire about any associated fee. A list of organizations may be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/mat-comp.htm. The county does not endorse any of the organizations. ▪



Emergency Preparedness A Focus on Seniors

**Thursday, June 7, 2007
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**James Lee Community Center
2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church**

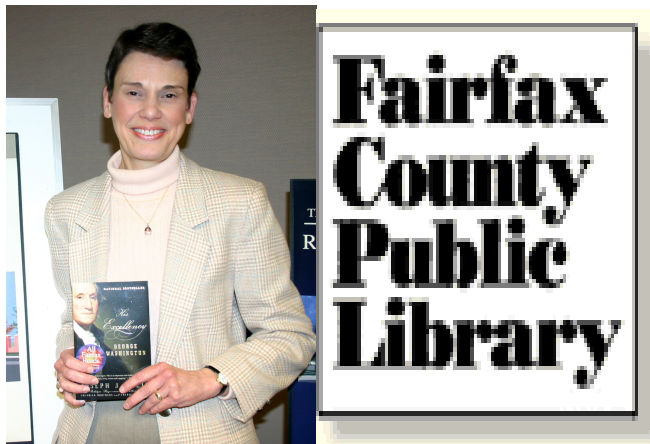
The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association in partnership with Chairman Connolly, Supervisors Smyth, Bulova, McConnell and Gross's offices; the National Area Chapter of the Red Cross; Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management and the Health Department; and the Fairfax County Senior Centers and the James Lee Community Center will host an emergency preparedness program with a focus on our senior population.

This program is free and open to the public. All residents are encouraged to attend. More information is available on the following county Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/events.htm or by calling 703-560-6946, TTY 711. ▪

All Fairfax Reads

The Fairfax County Public Library invites residents to participate in the fourth annual All Fairfax Reads, a community engagement project that encourages adult residents to read and discuss the same book between May and September.

To celebrate Virginia's history during the 400th anniversary year of the founding of Jamestown, this year's book selection is *His Excellency: George Washington* by Joseph J. Ellis. More information is available on the following library Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/News/news0742.htm.



Supervisor Smyth joins Providence residents with her copy of *His Excellency: George Washington*. ■

Oakton Community Library - Stay Tuned!

The Oakton Community Library is scheduled to open in September of 2007. Stay tuned!
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oa/. ■

Report a Crime Online

To report a crime online, your crime or incident must have occurred in Fairfax County. This online report is for insurance and police information purposes only.

The crime will not be investigated. The information obtained by this report assists in preventing future crimes by providing statistics on trends, locations and times of violations. It may also assist in the identification and return of stolen property recovered as the result of other investigations. To report crimes in progress, please call 911.

The online form is available on the following police Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs/. ■

2007 Primary and General Elections

Tuesday, June 12 and November 6

Every November there is an election in Virginia, frequently including primary elections. This year, Fairfax County voters will vote for State Senate and House of Delegates; Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the School Board; Soil and Water Conservation District Directors; Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff; and Clerk of the Court.

Polling locations will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12 for the Primary Election and on Tuesday, November 6 for the General Election. Primaries are called by political parties and the following primaries will be held in Fairfax County:

- **Democratic Party Primaries**

The Democratic Party will nominate candidates for Virginia Senate in the 39th District, for the House of Delegates in the 34th and 40th Districts, and the Providence District member of the Board of Supervisors.

- **Republican Party Primary**

The Republican Party Primary Election will nominate a candidate for the Springfield District member of the Board of Supervisors.

More information on this year's Primary and General Elections is available on the following Upcoming Elections Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm or by calling the Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776, TTY 711. ■

Serving as an Election Officer

On Election Day more than 1.4 million Americans work at the polls – but more are needed. By working at the polls you will be supporting the democratic values on which our nation was built.

Serving as an election officer is a rewarding way to participate in our government and help to ensure a fair and well-organized voting process. Fairfax County needs approximately 3,000 dependable and committed citizens to serve as election officers in its 225 precincts for each General Election.

More information on serving as an election officer is available on the following Working at the Polls Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/working.htm or by calling the Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776, TTY 711. ■

The Providence Report

This edition is the final edition of the Providence Report for 2007 due to a Board of Supervisor's policy that restricts the distribution of **newsletters** after June 30 via US Mail during a Board of Supervisors election year.

However, Providence news updates will still be sent via Providence Online, Providence District's e-newsletter. To receive a copy of the e-newsletter, residents are requested to subscribe on the following Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/ and select "ProvidenceOnline – Information and Updates for Providence residents." ■

Save a Tree ~ Get a workout outside!

Want to get a good workout and help restore the native habitat in a local woodland park at the same time? It's easy to do by joining the volunteers in the new Fairfax County Park Authority's Invasive Management Area program (IMA). Over 31 parks have been targeted to remove invasive non-native plants and to replant with native trees and plants that will benefit the local wildlife.

Volunteers have been working away at Nottoway Park since late April of this year and there will be one more opportunity on **Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to noon** to join in removing invasives.

To volunteer, please contact Site Leader Fernando Mendez by calling 703-324-8681, TTY 711 or by emailing friendsofnottoway@gmail.com. More information on IMA is available on the following park Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov. ■



Notary service is available at Supervisor Smyth's office during regular business hours. Please call 703-560-6946, TTY 711 to make an appointment. ■

Nottoway Nights Free Concert Series

Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.



Mark your summer calendar for the return of the FREE Nottoway Nights Concert Series at Nottoway Park! The program takes place on the lawn of the historic Hunter House. Supervisor Smyth thanks the Friends of Nottoway, the Park Authority and staff as well as the many sponsors who make these free concerts possible for residents to enjoy.

Nottoway Park is located at
9601 Courthouse Road in Vienna.

~ 2007 Schedule ~

- June 7: The Grandsons** (New Orleans Rhythm & Blues)
- June 14: Klingon Klez** (Klezmer)
- June 21: Sviraj** (Balkan Jam)
- June 28: The Seldom Scene** (Bluegrass)
- July 5: The Winstons** (Motown)
- July 12: Mike Seeger** (Folk)
- July 19: Rumba Club** (Latin Dance Music)
- July 26: Patty Reese Band** (Blues/Rock)
- August 2: Tidewater Guitar Orchestra** (Classical Guitar)
- August 9: Shango** (Reggae)
- August 16: The Crowdaddies** (Cajun)
- August 23: Billy Coulter** (Roots/Rock)
- August 30: The Continentals** (Polka)

(Type of band/group is in parentheses)

If you or your organization would like to volunteer to help at Nottoway Nights, please call 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

Concerts are cancelled in case of rain and decisions are made by 6:00 p.m. Please call 703-324-SHOW, TTY 711 for cancellations, directions and general information. More park information is available on the following Fairfax County Park Authority Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/parks/. ■

Must-Have Phone Numbers

Providence District Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth

Telephone: 703-560-6946 / Fax: 703-207-3541 / TTY: 711

Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450/ Child Protective Services: 703-324-7400

Suicide Crisis Hotline: (703) 527-4077 Rape Crisis Hotline: (703) 360-7273

Adult Education	703-227-2200	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Shelter	703-691-2131	Child care	703-449-9555
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	800-435-5137	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Gang Unit-Police	703-246-4548
Human Services	703-222-0880	Office for Women	703-324-5730
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5550
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program	703-449-8989
School information	703-246-2502	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-5411
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up (County)	703-802-3322
VDOT	703-383-VDOT	Voting Information	703-222-0776

Please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711 for other county related information.
Copies of the 2007 Providence Resource Directory are available by calling the Providence District Supervisor's office and are also available on the Providence District Web site at
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/Prov_News.htm ■



Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Special accommodations will be provided upon request. For information call our office at 703-560-6946, TTY 711.

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